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The Channel scallop fishery has since been closely monitored by the Shellfish Laboratory at Burnham-on-Crouch. Scientists found a few patches in 1969, and the winter before last bigger beds were found off Rye and Newhaven.

The main beds are situated about four miles off Sussex and Burnham scientist Tony Pickett, who has been closely involved with the fishery, says that there are heavy concentrations in mid-Channel. Some beds have also been found just off Brighton.

Two Burnham scientists will be going out next week with the Sussex fleet to assess catch rates and carry out sample work.

Already the idea of a closed season has been suggested by the Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee to protect stocks. Other committees have been contacted along the south coast, but most of the beds lie beyond their jurisdiction, which only extends to three miles. So far the idea of a closed season has found little favour with fishermen.

Arab is towed-in

THE HULL fillet-freezer *Arab* (Skipper F. Dreyer), disabled last weekend off the North Cape of Norway due to engine trouble, has been towed to Honningsvag, Norway, for repairs.

Othello, another BUT vessel now on MAFF service as British trawler support vessel, towed her in.

Arab had been on her present trip 59 days before requiring help.

Repairs were quickly completed and the vessel was scheduled to resume fishing before her expected arrival at Hull on April 19.

'Let down'

AFTER attending a meeting of inshore fishermen's groups in London last week, Fred Parke, chairman of the Grimsby Seiners' Association, claimed the Government had let them down "left, right and centre," because of the lack of a fisheries policy.

8,000 SMALL BOAT MEN IN DANGER—FOS

OVER 8,000 small boat fishermen would be forced to leave the British industry if EEC proposals for restructuring the fleet are carried through.

The proposals as they now stand are not acceptable to the inshore industry, Mr. E. Hamley, chief executive of the Fisheries Organization Society, said when he gave evidence to a Parliamentary Committee last week.

He said that already people are not replacing middle and distant water boats with similar boats, but with inshore boats.

He said that he did not think the EEC would be able

to control the amount of catching capacity in the Community in the foreseeable future. It would be very much for the Government to decide whether to contain fleets within guidelines given by the EEC.

Any proper schemes for restructuring EEC fleets need to bring into relation the amount of capacity, catch and effort permitted to maintain those quotas.

He foresees, in reply to chairman Peter Mills (West Devon, Con) a decline in British middle and distant water effort, and that the British industry would become more and more one of home waters.

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DOCK LABOUR BILL TALKS

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Beamer boss hits back

RAYMOND Claays, owner of nine Belgian beamers (several of them beamers) hit back last week at the ban-the-beamer brigade who blame beam trawling for destroying many traditional English fishing grounds.

Mr. Cleays, at Grimsby to oversee repairs to two of his fleet, *Zephyr* and *Belgian Lady*, was very annoyed about the bad publicity the Belgian fishermen are getting over beam trawling.

He claims the real culprits are the industrial fishing vessels which are scooping up the food menu of the larger fish depend on for survival.

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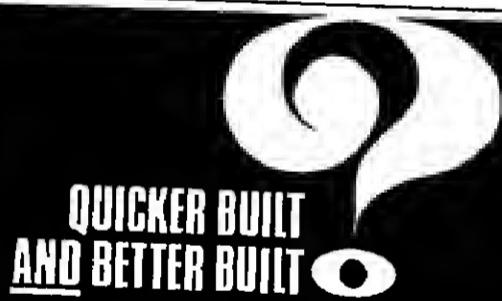
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SHIELDS BOX SCHEME FAILS

A bid to increase the Shields fish quay has minimum weight of fish failed, sold in boxes at North. The move has been

Bright future



Charles Proctor presents the book prize to New Zealand student, Graham Anderson.

CHARLES Proctor told fisherfolk students at the Nautical Department of the Grimsby College of Technology they could still look forward to a very good future in fishing despite the current recession.

Mr. Proctor, one of the men largely instrumental in building up seining at Grimsby, was representing the Grimsby Seiners Association and the Grimsby Fishing Vessel Owners' Association at a passing out presentation of certificates to successful recruits. They had just completed a 10-week pre-sen multi-purpose training course.

He told the lads he had seen periods of depression come and go quite often and predicted the present one would be over by the end of 1976.

"When you get these depressed periods less ships go to sea and, consequently, the numbers of fish increase. Therefore there is always ample supplies of fish in the sea."

If you dedicate yourselves you will have a very good future indeed. The depression will end this year I am certain of that," said Mr. Proctor.

Graham Anderson, a teenager from New Zealand, was awarded a book prize as the outstanding recruit. He plans to qualify as a skipper as soon as possible so he can return home with the know-how to run his own business.

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Skye men call for 'cutting' inquiry

INSHORE fishermen of Skye are calling for a public inquiry into the activities of deep water fishing vessels operating off the west coast.

The Skye men claim that their long lines set during the last three weeks in Loch Dunvegan, have more than six times been deliberately cut by the deep water boats.

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most prolific fish breeding and spawning areas, but it is now being ravaged beyond belief."

"Last week there were eight deep water vessels fishing non-stop for days inside Loch Dunvegan. The loch cannot stand up to this amount of pillaging."

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Decca on the ball

MANY fishermen golfers will remember Decca's successful golf tournament at Nairn during the Inverness fishing exhibition two years ago.

Decca is running a similar competition at Teeside Golf Club on Thursday, April 22, during the Ayre fishing exhibition.

First prize is the Decca Trophy plus a case of whisky.

Applications have been distributed round the various Scottish fishing vessel associations, managers and salesmen. Applications should be in by April 7.

• Decca would also like to point out (John

Burgess' Log for March 12) that all details and bookings of Slimred sonar courses can be obtained through any Decca depot.

ROBERT Cardno has been appointed manager of the Peterhead branch of John Brown and Sons (Aberdeen) Ltd., fish salesmen and shipping agents.

He succeeds Neil Mackay, the assistant manager.

Mr. Cardno and Mr. Allan have been acting as joint managers since Mr. Mackay's recent retirement.

SUPPORTING THE INDUSTRY LETTERS

SIR, I was pleased to notice in *Fishing News* (March 6) that you carried an account of the resolution calling for Government action on the fishing industry passed recently by the Lowestoft Labour Party.

However, as a member of the motion which was sponsored by the Transport & General Workers Union and a local ward party, I am a little perplexed that you should describe our demand as coming "from an unexpected source".

It is surely to be expected that local labour parties and trade unions take the keenest interest in industries where their members are involved. Where it is the case that such industries are in due trouble, this is doubly so.

On grounds of growing unemployment alone we might be expected to express our acute concern to the Minister.

Don Mathew, 38, Ravelin Street, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Cornish boat's relief skipper

WHILE Mike Hosking, the Porthleven skipper of Cornwall's 88 ft. trawler *Dew-Genen-Ny*, remains laid-up in hospital with a broken ankle, a roll-on skipper from Hull has stepped in to keep the boat afloat.

I would also draw attention to the other part of our resolution (now passed on to the Labour Party's National Executive) which called for legislation to bring about the decontrol of the fishing industry.

Finally, although I can't speak formally on its behalf, I am sure Lowestoft Labour Party would be only too pleased to join any future efforts and representations which offer any way out of the present intolerable situation.

Don Mathew, 38, Ravelin Street, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

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Two more steamers chopped

TWO MORE Grimsby steamers — *Royal Line* and *Coldstreamer* — were laid up at the Humber port last week after completing trips.

Owners BUT announced the vessels were being withdrawn in February and the moves came as no surprise.

The company now has only the steamer *Lord Beatty* still fishing and she will probably be laid up when her present trip expires at the end of the month.

Coldstreamer (Skipper Bill Sutcliffe) went out with a dead grossing of £34,291, but *Royal Line* (Skipper Tony Hart) managed only £24,778.

SEINER MOVE

JOHN Richardson, former managing director of Grimsby seining agents and owners A. E. Richardson & Co. Ltd., has placed the six vessels he either owns completely or in partnership with the Tom Sleight (F.S.) Ltd. Agency until further notice.

duties, manned mainly by Fleetwood crews and using Aberdeen and Fleetwood as their bases.

Criscilla was built in 1966. On her maiden voyage she was commanded by Skipper Victor Buschini who had a successful period in her before returning to wet fish trawling with the same company.

Merr already has a stake in the oil industry. At present five of its side trawlers — *Josue*, *Lucido*, *Edwino*, *Arlando* and *Zonia* — are engaged in oil rig standby.

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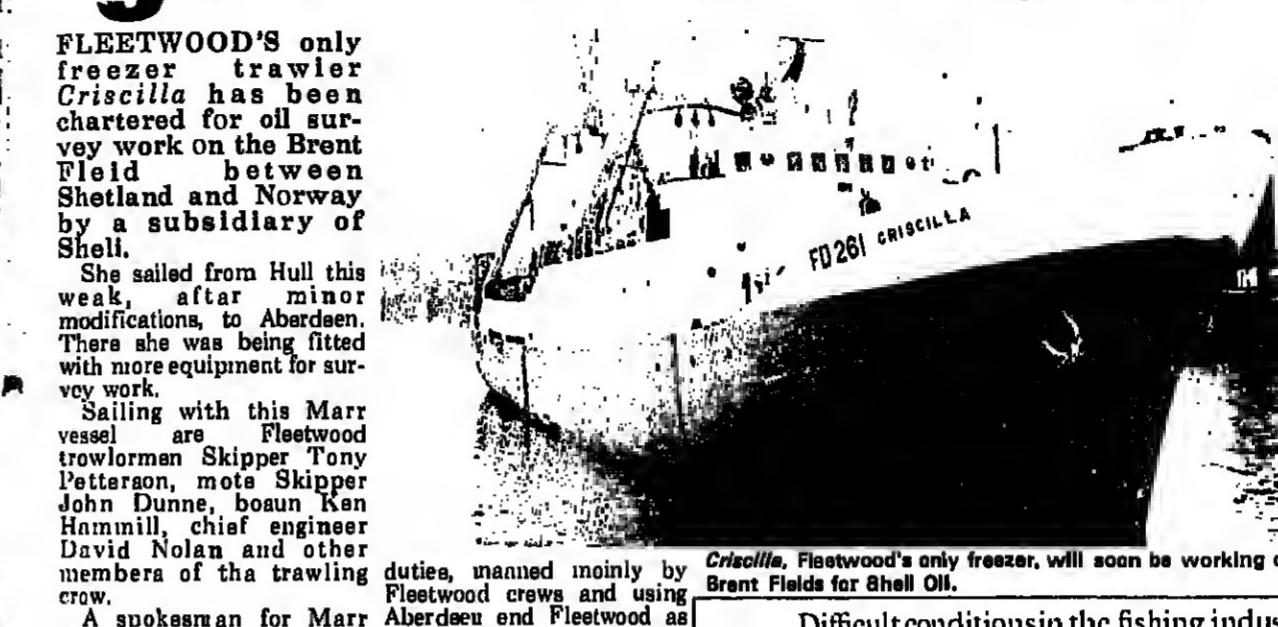
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Port's only freezer goes for oil work



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As yet there has been little fishing in the Trevose area which years ago used to provide the port with big landings of soles at this time of year.

This lends weight to the recent call for ban of foreign beam trawlers in the area — these vessels have played a big part in decimating the grounds of quality varieties.

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TOP CATCH FOR PICTON SEALION

MILFORD Haven's outstanding catch last week was landed by *Pictor Sealion* (Skipper Trevor Salter). The vessel returned from the Irish Sea grounds with 140 kits which sold for £2,321.

A catch of wide variety brought the Swansea-owned *Georgina Wilson* a grossing of £3,455. The vessel, under Skipper Tom Smith, landed 128 kits, including 10 of cod, 15 of whiting, 10 of plaice and soles, which met a disappointing market to sell for only £2,321.

On the same day the pocket trawler *Westerdale* — back at sea after being laid up with engine trouble — landed 87 kits which sold for £1,943. In command was skipper-owner Bruno Linke.

The beam trawler *Arthur Horsey* (Skipper John Donovan) landed 31 kits which sold for £933. Between them the vessels landed a total of around five of cod, 26 of whiting, 50 of roker, five of turbot and brill, 40 of plaice and 10 of soles.

On the following day the Irish trawler *West Kurton* landed after working the Irish Sea grounds. The vessel

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Compensation fee is forfeited if a vessel regularly stops landing fish. Then entry rate becomes, up to 30ft, £2; over 30ft, and up to 50ft, £3; over 50ft, and up to 70ft, £4.50; and over 70ft, £7.

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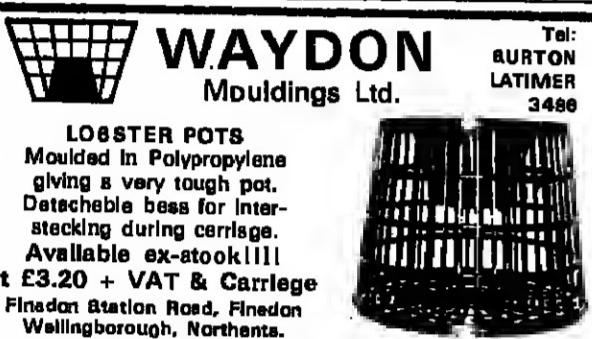
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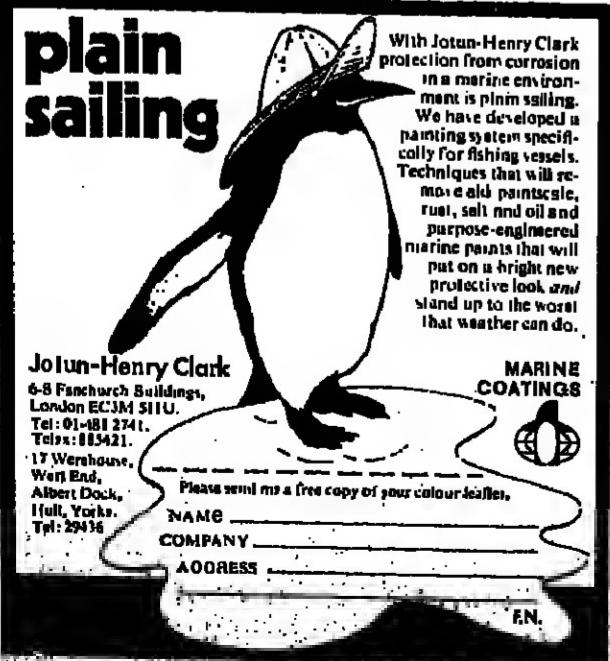
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safety at sea

your plight all the time so that searchers can quickly locate you. One such new idea now available in this country is the Mayday Streamer which could certainly help in daytime.

The streamer consists of 75 ft. of bright orange woven polypropylene 2 ft. wide. Imprinted into this are large black and metallic silver Vees every 4 ft.

The point is that, before any lifejacket is approved it has to be submitted for testing and, so far, no inflatable lifejackets have been submitted. Hence, no inflatable lifejackets have been approved.

If you want to use inflatable lifejackets then you have to carry them in addition to the DTI lifejacket as things stand at present.

Extra

This question of approved equipment is important. All of the safety equipment which the DTI rules require has to be approved and meet the specifications laid down by the DTI.

You have to have this whether you like it or not, but there is nothing to stop you carrying extra equipment if you feel the need for it. However, check when you buy equipment whether it is a DTI approved type or not.

Some new safety equipment was on show at the London Boat Show. One firm was exhibiting flares which seem to meet many requirements. They are waterproof, float and are very light, but their very size should make you suspicious. They send a flare up to an altitude of 200—300 ft. or so, the blurb says, but the flare burns only for a very short time.

This is the problem: your flare is unlikely to be spotted unless it burns for some time. A short-lived flare will only be spotted if someone happens to be looking in that direction during the short time that it burns.

Even established flare manufacturers are over-enthusiastic in their claims for the range at which their flares are visible. Although it may be possible to sight a parachute flare 20 or more miles away if you happen to be looking carefully for it, what the purchaser really wants to know is how far it might be sighted when an observer is just keeping a casual lookout.

Chance

A good guide in this respect is if you can see the navigation lights of a ship, or if you can see the shore lights, then there is a chance of your flare being seen.

You have to be careful when reading the makers' literature on safety equipment. Dunlop introduced a new liferaft at the Boat Show called the Yachtmaster. This comes in 4, 8 and 20 man sizes and, in its pamphlet, Dunlop states that these rafts are eminently suitable for inshore fishing boats. So they may well be, but only if your boat is under 12 metres in length.

Over that size you need a DTI-approved liferaft and, whilst Dunlop make DTI-approved liferafts, don't be misled into thinking that the Yachtmaster is one of them.

One of the problems with most distress signals is that they are transparent; witness the flares mentioned above. What you want, if possible, is something which indicates



Lucas Marina's decklight is suitable for larger fishing vessels. The casing is in plastic-coated die-cast alloy.

of the sealed beam type and is rated at 200,000 candle power. The housing can be mounted in a stand or be hand held. Connection is by means of a coiled flexible lead.

These lights work off the boat's 12 volt system, but they can also be obtained as a battery-operated unit. Their uses are many — apart from finding moorings and pot buoys at night, they can be a last resort to warn off other shipping when fishing at night.

Efficient lighting is essential when fishing at night, and

more boats are doing this and becoming increasingly difficult for boats to pay their way.

Lucas Marina has just introduced a new deck light designed for the larger fishing boat. The casing is in die-cast alloy, which is plastic coated. The light comes from a quartz-halogen bulb giving a brilliant light with minimum power consumption and the unit stands up to the vibration experienced on fishing boats.

Shut-off

To end this miscellany of safety equipment, Firestar Systems Ltd. has introduced a diesel engine emergency shut-off system designed to cope with runaway diesel engines.

The engine is stopped by injecting a fire extinguisher into the inlet manifold of the engine from a gas cylinder kept permanently connected. Release of the gas can be either controlled by a sensor or manually by remote control from the wheelhouse.

DAG PIKE

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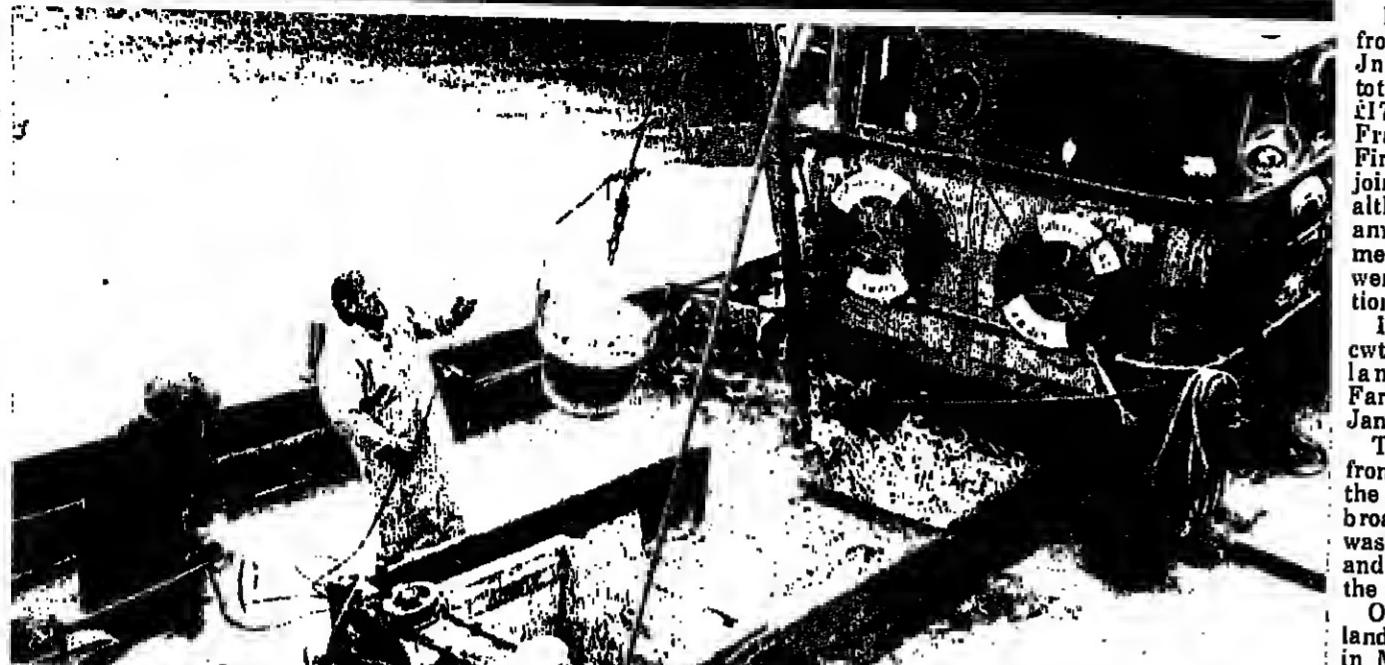
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SPRAT SEASON MAKES UP FOR LATE START



Above: being swung ashore from Skipper David Tait's *Shepherd Lad* is part of the 540 crane she caught with partners Silver Wave and Rotche.



Below: more sprats coming ashore — this time from *Harvest Hopa* (left) and *Surveillance*. The latter is well down at the head with the load.

PETERHEAD

a monthly report

LESS THAN a dozen Peterhead boats were horning fishing before the west coast ban came into effect last Saturday.

Catches off the Scottish west coast have been so poor this winter that a number of boats had switched to sardine netting or sprat fishing in January.

Others stayed in the Minches for a while, but eventually, skippers decided that a return to white fish catching would be more lucrative.

Among the boats to come back early from the west coast were the known as the 'Big Five' (*Shemara*, *Ugileave II*, *Sparkling Star*, *Fairweather V* and *Juneve IV*).

A member of the crew of *Juneve IV* told *Fishing News* that the 'Big Five' had come away from the west coast more than a month earlier than in former years.

He said they had been fishing off the west coast since before Christmas and the shoals had been poor and scanty. They searched a lot to find fish.

Sometimes they would make good hauls at the beginning of the week, when the Minches fishing ended, but they

had been allowed to rest over the weekend, but then catches would be poor for the rest of the week.

In his experience, he told *Fishing News*, the amount of herring in the Minches now is not even a quarter what it was two years ago. At that time the boats could usually make good landings every day. Lately they have been lucky to make a decent landing once a week.

The 'Big Five', together with a number of other Peterhead boats, had fished for mackerel off the south west of England for a few weeks last autumn. They had gone there after the closure of the Isle of Man herring fishing at the end of September.

In former years they would have gone straight up to the Minches when the Isle of Man fishing ended, but they

THE SPRAT fishing season just ending at Fraserburgh has been the best since 1973. Although the fishing was late in starting, things really got going after the first week in January when more boats returned from fishing sprats off north-east England.

Landings at Fraserburgh from British vessels during January and February totalled 123,363 cwt, worth £171,581. Some 40 boats had recently returned from the Tyne to join in the Fraserburgh fishing.

The Peterhead pair joined in the fishing ond, although by far the greatest amount was sold for fish meal, some better quality fish went for human consumption. Skipper and Cruden Bay.

Achilles caught 400 cwt, all frozen to the limit, while her partner netted 300 cwt. The catches contained fish which have been mixed size and were sold for fish meal at £6 a cwt.

The grounds fished range from Macduff and around the coast as far south as Arbroath, but quite a lot of fish was caught in the Cruden Bay and Collieston area, just to the south of Peterhead.

One or two boats have landed catches occasionally in Macduff, Peterhead and Aberdeen, but the majority came into Fraserburgh where bulk catches for fish meal have been bought by Herring By-Products Ltd.

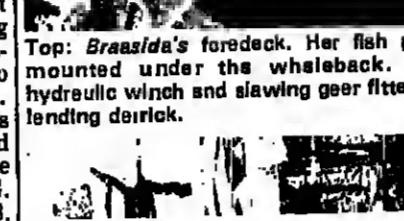
Normally, by early March, the fishing is beginning to tail-off. But even as recently as Monday last week, six boats landed fairly decent catches.

The Peterhead pair trawling partners are *Atlantic Star* (left) and *Endeavour*.

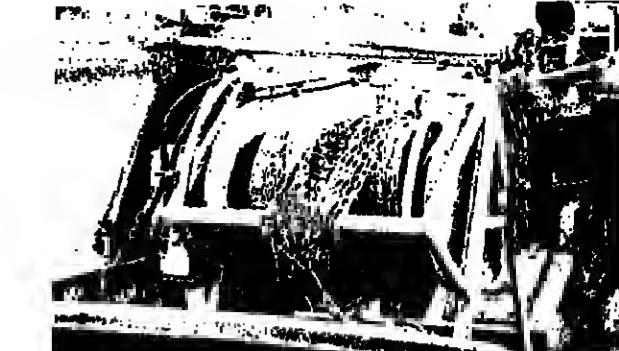
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FISHING NEWS

Ex-Scots 'sputnik' now goes pelagic trawling



Top: Braeside's foredeck. Her fish pump is mounted under the whaleback. Above: Lewis yard at Aberdeen in 1965, is now pelagic trawling off south-west England after a major conversion.



BRAESIDE
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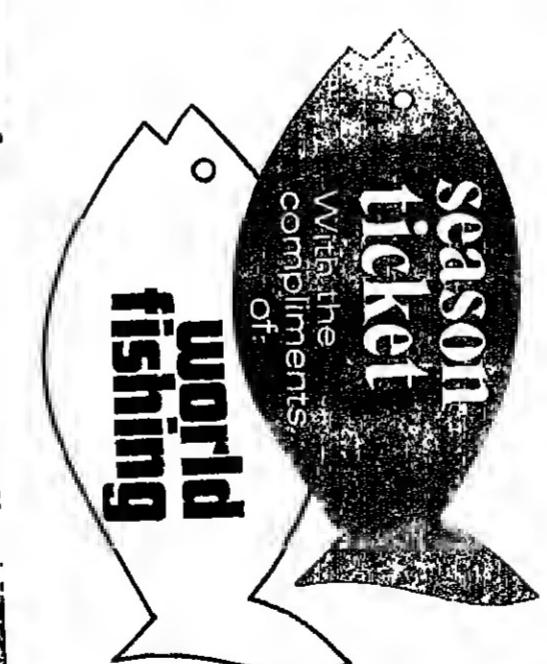
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White fish
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Landing in January amounted to 59,297 cwt, valued at £296,090, while in February 76,039 cwt was put ashore which sold for £363,372.

The value of white fish landings during the first week in February set a new weekly record for the port of Peterhead.

Sometimes they would have gone straight up to the Minches when the Isle of Man fishing ended, but they

make good hauls at the beginning of the week, when the Minches fishing ended, but they

John Burgess' Log

'Pingers' to find wrecks

"A YEAR or two ago you described electronic equipment made in America by means of which wrecks could easily be re-located.

"If I remember rightly it consisted of a pinger which could be lowered on or close

to a wreck and a device to be carried in a boat, to actuate it.

"When transmitting it was a simple matter to home on to it with the boat's echo sounder or sonar. Do you know if similar equipment is obtainable here?"

■ Underwater and Marine

Equipment Ltd. is now

producing so many different kinds of underwater beacons, transponders, pingers and pinger locators in its Farnborough factory, for use principally in oil pipe-laying operations, that it is more than likely that it can supply similar equipment.

Most of these devices soon

to work off batteries and to

transmit constantly, but the

firm could doubtless make

one which would only transmit when triggered and so enable you to make private

install in your boat.

LIGHT LAWS

"I READ with interest your advice about rendering the navigation lights."

"I am shortly going to be fitting out a 36 ft. GRP boat and would be grateful for other information about pending regulations which you may have."

"I don't have any more information about impending regulations but it is possible that some may be introduced which will affect various types of equipment you are installing in your boat."

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Warning

I think your best would be to maintain contact with your local Fish Authority area while fitting out.

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carried out into the feasibility

of using its beacon as a

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able to advise you about

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Electric hauling

"WE HAVE recently noticed boats, having what are described as electric capstans, advertised for sale.

"Are the capstans suitable for potting? Who makes them? Any information you can give us about them would be appreciated."

"The only fishing boats fitted with electric capstans which I have come across have been boats owned by part-timers or amateurs. And these without exception, have had a Neco capstan installed.

"One of the merits of a Noco AJO 50 capstan is that it occupies little space; another that only the motor leads need be taken through the deck; a third is that it is completely self-contained and sealed for life.

"When fitted it is sealed on to a deck mounting and a push-button switch is fitted behind a neoprene seal which isolates the electric circuit from all possible contact with the outside.

"It is designed to be operated from a 12 or 24 V DC power supply and is capable of a pull of up to 650 lb. (290 kg) and a hauling speed of 20 ft/min. (6m/min.). On full power current drain is 71 ampere on 12 V or 36 ampere on 24 V.

"All external parts of the capstan are made of self-water resistant alloy and its weight is 46 lb. (22 kg).

"It could doubtless be used for potting if you have an adequate power supply, but whether you would find it



Skipper Fred Normandale of the Scarborough inshore trawler *Courage* weighing and checking elox-stone boxes of whiting at Grimsby.

£951 DAY

MAKING an unexpected visit to Grimsby last week was the Scarborough inshore trawler *Courage* which stopped off with 180 boxes of top quality whiting.

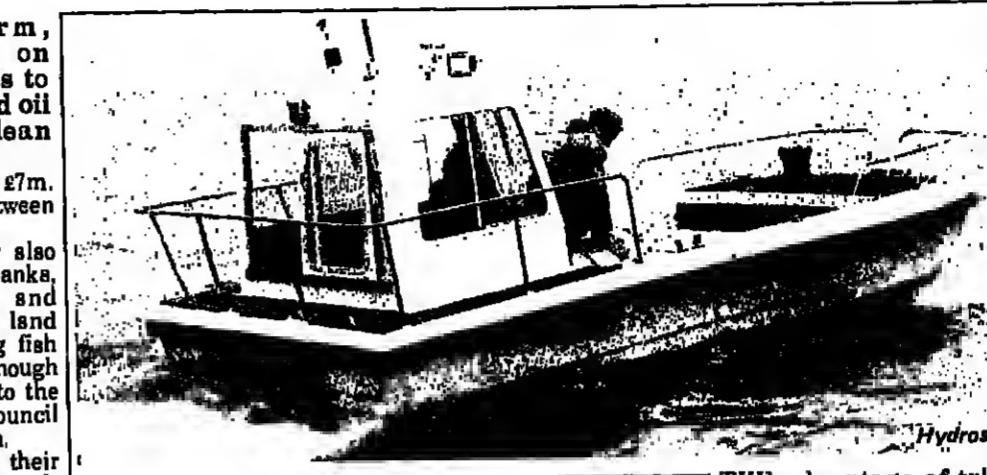
Courage hit the jackpot. In four hauls of 100 tonnes on a trip lasting less than 24 hours port to port, skipper owner, Fred Normandale, told *Fishing News*, he had made two or three similar trips lately and the Grimsby landing was not quite so large as one put ashore after

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FISHING NEWS

Dutch planning £7 m Hebrides meal plant



Hydrakes.

Fishermen get limit support

BRITISH inshore fishermen returned to their ports last week after lobbying at the House of Commons for assurance of united support of MPs from the All-Party Fishing Committee.

The fishermen and leaders of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, along with representatives throughout the country, were in London to demand that ministers, when they attend this week's crucial EEC fishery talks in Brussels, secure a 100-mile exclusive limit for UK boats within the 200-mile EEC economic zone.

"Half our fleet at present stay at Kilda and Barra Head catching white fish," he said. "The UK balance of payments will benefit to a considerable extent because we import very considerable amounts of fish meal."

Providing planning permission is forthcoming, the plant expects to start operating some time next year. Fish will be landed on a new quay — part of the planned application.

Joe McLean, secretary of Aberdeen Trawlers' Officers' Guild, said claims that the multi-million pound Dutch project would turn the Western Isles into a larger fish centre than Aberdeen are "nonsense".

"Half our fleet at present stay at Kilda and Barra Head catching white fish," he said.

"British Trawlers' Federation and Scottish Trawlers' Federation interests were represented by Robert Allan, STF chief executive.

Scottish nationalist MP, Douglas Henderson, said the danger is that the Government would treat the fishermen's negotiation in

MAFF crab report for Norfolk grounds

RECENTLY published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was *Norfolk Crab Investigations 1969-73* by C. G. Brown.

The Ministry first began studies in the area in 1957 in order to enable fishery management advice to be given, also add to the available knowledge on the biology of crabs.

Apart from the Deco 200 radar, a complete new range of electronics has been fitted. These include a Wesmar SS 200B scanning sonar, Koden SRM 681A echo sounder, Furuno headline and bottom line indicator and a Decca 360T track plotter.

Radio equipment includes a Marconi Cresta 100 transmitter and Vega 22 receiver, "Sailor" RT 142 advanced cardiac machine to replace out-dated equipment.

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Now, the wives plan to raise a further £2,500 for an advanced cardiac machine to replace out-dated equipment.

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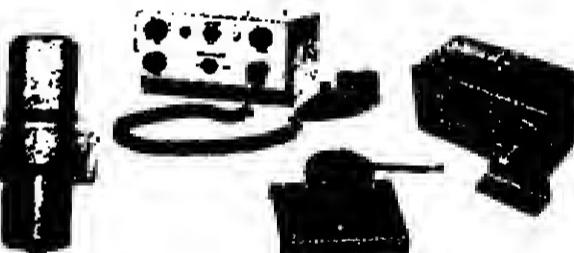


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